



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Syracuse VA Medical Center
800 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210

More Space; Expanded Healthcare Services for Veterans

**Syracuse VA Invests \$2.3 million to create
the new VA Behavioral Health Outpatient Center
at 620 Erie Blvd West**

(formally the site of Department of Motor Vehicles)

**Formal Opening Ceremony
June 4, 2010, 10:00am**

Syracuse VA Medical Center has invested more than \$2.3 million to create the new VA Behavioral Health Outpatient Center, located in the Erie Blvd. West facility, formally the site of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

The Official Opening of the new Center will take place this Friday, June 4, 2010, 10:00am at 620 Erie Blvd West, corner of Leavenworth Avenue. U.S. Congressman Dan Maffei (NY-25) will participate in the program.

The services provided include post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), substance abuse and vocational rehabilitation counseling. The facility is also the location of the VA Homeless program, suicide prevention and other behavioral health programs/services.

Says Judy Hayman, PhD, Manager of the VA Behavioral Health Care Line, "Syracuse VA provides outpatient mental health services to 3,500+ Veterans each year with this number expected to increase as a result from Veterans returning from Afghanistan & Iraq. At the VA Medical Center on Irving Avenue, we simply ran out of room, so we were compelled to locate new, larger space. The new BHOC provides just that. More space and more programs with additional staff now totaling 90+ employees consisting of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers and counselors."

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